

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on September 19th, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.**

**Pledge to the Flag.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the September 5, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for August 2013.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): As per Chapter XV, 15-1 Exemption for the Sakonnet Preservation Association the Town Council hereby grants Tax Exempt Status to the Sakonnet Preservation Association for Plat 21, Lots 10 & 11 which were gifted to the SPA by the previous owner.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge that the majority of deficiencies noted in a Fire Department Inspection Report for 30 and 32 Commons have been corrected and to request that a final report be given on November 7, 2013.**

**Councilor Mushen noted that several signs have been created by Tiverton Sign Shop for the Transfer Station. He would like to have a replica sign created of the original sign posted at the Hester B. Simmons Lot a/k/a the Town Landing. He would like the original wording with a smaller sign below stating that the Town is in the process of restoring the lot. During discussion the following notations were made:**

- Restore a portion of the lot by filling in with loam and seeding; roping off to prevent further vehicular traffic.**
- Handout given by Rob Marra was reviewed, options noted for posts and chains to cordon off the parking**
- Limited budget funding, consider waiting till spring to see how the school project fairs financially.**
- With parking as proposed there were be no parking near the waters edge. Consider moving the parking a little closer to the waters edge.**
- Consider waiting to seek pledges to help cover some of the cost involved with restoration of the lot**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To return to the March 6, 2014 Town Council meeting to consider the next steps in the proposed restoration of the Town Landing.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To re-appoint Heather B. Fitzgerald to the LC Free Public Library Trust for a three year term which will expire Oct 15, 2016.**

**No further letters of interest have been received for various unexpired terms on boards and commission. The Town Clerk will continue to post the vacancies.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To refer to the Police Chief eleven (11) applications received for the position of full time Public Safety Dispatcher for his review and recommendation.**

**Five (5) Bid proposals for engineering services on the Athletic Field Design of the Peckham Lot were received:**

**Marshall Gary Landscape Architects \$12,500**

**200 Harvard Mills Sq.**

**Wakefield, MA 01880**

**Civil Engineering Concepts Inc. \$16,950**

**34A Main Street**

**Adamsville, RI 02801**

**JJ Sports \$30,700**

**88 Chamberlain Road**

**Westford, MA 01886**

**The Gifford Design Group Inc. \$37,375**

**4096 Mendon Road**

**Cumberland, RI 02864**

**Gale Associates \$48,050**

**163 Libbey Parkway**

**Weymouth, MA 02189**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To refer to the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee, through Thomas Alder five (5) bid proposals received for engineering services connected to an RFP for an Athletic Field Design for the Peckham lot and to ask**

that they confirm conformance with the bid specifications and that they review closely the two lowest bid proposals and return to the October 10, 2013 Council meeting with a recommendation.

Mr. Nicholas Kelley speaking on behalf of the Rhode Island Road residents brought to the Councils attention the difficulties which have worsened in intensity over the years relating to parking and traffic on the roadway. Recently the Town Council amended the Town Code to unify the parking levels on town roadways where there are water access rights. Richard and Jean Bourdeau and Christian Finley also addressed the Council with concerns. These individuals all reside on Rhode Island Road and have been increasingly burdened by difficulty getting to their property due to vehicles parked on the road and at times blocking their driveways partially. They expressed safety concerns due to children having to step out into the roadway between parked cars and the volume of cars continuing to enter the dead-end street hoping to find a parking space. They suggested better signage and for the Council to consider rescinding their decision to allow partial parking on this roadway.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To request that Councilors Bodington and Mataronas work with the Police Chief to review the parking regulations as it effects Rhode Island Road and to return with recommendations after said review.

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept with regret a resignation received from Ryan Smith resigning from the Conservation Commission effective October 1, 2013.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a communication received from the RI Department of Transportation announcing the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Loan Fund Project for 2014 infrastructure projects.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the recommendation of the Board of Tax Assessors for the cancellation of the following taxes be granted under Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended:**

**Acct/Name Plat/Lot/MV Abatement Value Abatement Year**

**07-0881-00 040/0103 \$27,900 \$150.10 2013**

**Green, Roger Y & Gail A**

**08-0959-00 004/0049 \$456,700 \$2,457.05 2013**

**Herman, James S. et als**

**07-0880-00 014/0010 \$14,800 \$79.62 2013**

**Greene, Theodore & Jamie**

**02-1048-00 003/0020-2 \$27,500 \$147.95 2013**

**Battlefield Trust**

**05-0050-00 004/0021 \$140,500 \$755.89 2013**

**Eddy, Stetson W.**

**15-0304-60 MV 2007 Toyota \$5,049 \$70.18 2013**

**Ouellette, Nicole S**

**10-0091-10 2005 Chry T \$1,400 \$19.46 2012**

**James, H. Winfield**

**04-0238-00 025/0032-1 \$72,300 \$388.97 2013**

**Davis, Deborah E**

**Paul Golembeske recused himself from the following subject. A request has been received by the Board of Tax Assessors for tax exempt status to be granted to the LC Game Club because of their status as a 501 (c)(3). After a brief discussion the following was voted:**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske recused: To direct the Town Solicitor and Town Council President to review the Rhode Island State Laws concerning cities and towns exempting properties from taxation and to establish a recommended policy on the subject based on a request of the Board of Tax Assessor's for the Town Council to consider a request for tax exemption requested of the LC Game Club , a recommendation shall be returned to the full Council after the review.**

**The Board of Tax Assessors will respond to the LC Game Club to advise them of the consideration of their request. The Council will also consider waiving any interest that may be charged while this matter is considered.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To support the Town of Middletown support of the concept of bringing the Retired Aircraft Carrier USS John F. Kennedy to Newport County as a Family Attraction, Education and Job Training Center, Disaster Relief Facility, Museum and Memorial.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and**



**ordered paid as follows: \$42,667.83**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$1,226.53**

**Direct Energy - Town Dock - street lights \$8.17**

**Direct Energy - Street lights \$7.73**

**Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$16.66**

**Petro - Gasoline \$798.78**

**Petro - Gasoline \$3,830.02**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$27.76**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.39**

**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$31.23**

**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$20.76**

**Nationalgrid - IOOF \$21.54**

**Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$199.04**

**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights \$37.24**

**Nationalgrid - Cell Tower \$195.25**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$575.49**

**Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$26.61**

**Cox Communications - Town Hall Depts. \$265.47**

**Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00**

**JR Tree & Land Co. - Highway \$870.00**

**Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$8,203.93**

**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$479.63**

**Hose Connection - Highway \$5.55**

**EverWilkie Excavating Inc. - Highway \$468.00**

**Susan Sisson - Dir. Social Services \$400.00**

**Modern Printing - Treasurer    \$60.00**

**Alarm New England LLC - town Hall    \$317.97**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC - Public Safety Complex    \$1,170.00**

**Sanmass Inc. - Civic Rec.    \$90.95**

**Wilbur's General Store - Transfer Station    \$10.23**

**Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall    \$24.76**

**Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance    \$23.61**

**Edith Marion - Zoning - Bldg. - Planning    \$325.50**

**Steven F Rego Lawn Care - Civic Rec.    \$500.00**

**WB Mason - Fire - Treasurer - Assessors    \$239.73**

**Toms Lawn & Garden - maintenance    \$20.86**

**Marion Welding - Amb. Reimbursement Fund    \$121.78**

**Aquidneck Fasteners, Inc. - Ambulance Reim. Fund    \$20.41    \$142.19**

**Vic's Car Wash - Fire Dept.    \$19.00**

**Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept.    \$17.07**

**Interstate All Battery Center - Fire Dept.    \$441.89**

**NFPA - Fire Dept.    \$165.00**

**C & S Specialty, Inc. - Fire Dept.    \$3,745.00**

**Cox Communications - Fire Dept.    \$183.08**

**Burns Tools - Fire Dept.    \$18.99**

**Firematic - Fire Dept.    \$212.35**

**Comstar - Fire Dept.    \$193.18**

**Griggs & Browne Co Inc - Fire Dept.    \$50.00**

**Fire Tech & Safety - Fire Dept.    \$1,080.00**

**Enos Home Oxygen & Medical Supply - Fire Dept.    \$34.00**

**Woods Small Engines - Fire Dept. (6 slips)    \$595.04**

**Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$138.02 \$6,892.62**  
**Poland Springs - Maintenance \$6.60**  
**Poland Springs - Town Hall \$14.97**  
**Franlart Nurseries Inc. - Tree Warden \$2,820.00**  
**Kevins Auto Parts - Maintenance \$39.99**  
**Rhode Island Attorney General - Drug Forfeiture \$60.00**  
**Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$349.13**  
**Andrew Morgan - Drug Forfeiture \$453.67 \$862.80**  
**Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00**  
**Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$224.03 \$395.03**  
**Verizon Wireless - Highway \$58.91**  
**Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$30.17**  
**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$30.15**  
**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$33.01**  
**Jon C Ibbotson Excavating - Highway \$6,900.00**  
**Richard S Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,675.00**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:13 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**